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(c) **what arrangements are made by the Government to** provide alternative employment to the remaining ex-toddy tappers; and

(d) whether the Government propose to give permission to the unemployed toddy tappers to sell neera (sweet toddy)?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) There are 100 jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies in Guntur district, with a membership of 4,059 ex-tappers.

" (b) The average monthly income of a tapper member working in the societies ranged from Rs. 30 to Rs. 45 during the tapping season.

" (c) Three hundred and thirty-six ex-tappers were provided with alternative employment in the six tenants' societies and 13 milk supply co-operative societies organized for their benefit. The rest are engaged as agricultural or industrial labourers or employed as gang coolies in the Public Works Department.

" (d) There was no request from the ex-tappers of the district for the grant of the permission to sell neera for consumption as beverage."

Cherpalcheri-Kolapally road in Walluvanad, Malabar.

* 146 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Cherpalcheri-Kolapally road in Walluvanad, Malabar, has been included in the Post-War Reconstruction Scheme;

(b) when the Government propose to start the work; and

(c) what is the total estimate of the work?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The work will be taken up for execution by the District Board as soon as the works in progress in the district are completed.

" (c) Rupees thirty-five thousand (Rs. 35,000)."

Medical certificates for liquor permits.

* 147 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister **for Prohibition be pleased to state—**

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have passed an Order that medical certificates for liquor permits should be given by Government Stipendiary Civil Surgeons only; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?